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Secretary of the Commission  
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir or Madam:

Before I say anything else, let me express my firm approval of the decision of the NRC to lay off on unnecessary alarms and superfluous measures in the low level testing at bedrock.

It's an unfortunate state of affairs that when politicians slip into an issue, reality and facts fall prey to a stampede of so-called "compassionate liberals" led all too sadly, by political leaders who pander ~~not~~ to a noisy ideologic minority.

There are many of us who are too busy doing something productive to wave placards and mob halls & fences. If I were a wealthy young man, I'd throw my energy & resources into an effort to get the truth out.

In the broad picture, a number of facts stand out  
in my mind

- A) Not one single human casualty can be ascribed to any nuclear incident. That includes Three Mile Island
- B) All forms of energy are a potential threat to life and limb
  1. Acid rain which is directly ascribable to the use of fossil fuel
  2. Black lung has always been a curse of the mining industry, which was once one of our chief sources of energy.
  3. Chernobyl was made possible through inferior design and operational carelessness of a gross nature
- C) The continued use of petroleum will hold us as hostages to <sup>the</sup> Arab world. We're sitting on a powder keg there.

As a reserve officer (now retired), I took a number of courses on civil defense and nuclear power. On that basis, I know that the Governor and the Attorney General are not listening to reason. Let's not start panics with loud sirens

If only the truth could go out!

Very Truly Yours

Henry J. Francis